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Local company takes pride in workmanship

Photos and story by Tech. Sgt. Ray Sarracino Staff Writer

If you think fastening your BDU blousing bands is a complex process, consider this: It takes over 72 operations to assemble a pair of BDU pants. This includes: fasteners on the waistband, buttons, pockets, blousing straps, fly flap, and many other features designed to

make BDU trousers a functional, utilitarian, and yes, even attractive uniform item. Contrast this with the 28-32 operations required to put together the average pair of trousers.

While there are three manufacturing centers across the U.S.A producing BDU trousers, Miami is

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proud to boast that it has the only one producing the woodland pattern that is worn at SOUTHCOM as well as other military installations in the South Florida area. They are produced at Goodwill Industries of South Florida. According to Dennis Pastrana, President and CEO, the work done here goes beyond simply providing quality products to the armed forces. "BDUs are the most complex pair of trousers in the world because they are designed to serve our armed forces who need to put them to the ultimate test -combat." He said.

"We make all sizes including very large and very small! The fabric is inspected, even though it's camouflage to ensure that everything matches. The

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Goodwill Industries of South Florida president and CEO Dennis Pastrana (left) uses this display of a pair of BDU trousers nearing completion to show a visitor that his plant produces them in a variey of sizes.

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thread used to sew trousers is the strongest on the market. They will fade before the fail." Said Pastrana.

The local Goodwill Industries factory has been producing uniform items for



There are 13 buttons attached to each pair of BDU trousers.

BDUs are the most complex pair of trousers in the world...

Dennis Pastrana, President and CEO, Goodwill Industries of South Florida

the military since 1988. But will Industries facility as a that's not all they produce. reminder Among other items pro- importance of their work. Acduced here are Air Force cording to Pastrana, "We are garrison caps, Navy female now doing something special white uniform components, to us, we are making the burial flags for the armed lightweight fleece jackets for forces, and the fleece jacket immortalized by GEN Tommy Franks in a photo the world, including Aftaken during a press conference held with President Bush. This famous photo jacket in a frigid part of the hangs throughout the Good- world, remember that it

the subzero temperatures that are used in special areas of ghanistan. Next time you see someone wearing a



Workers use jigsaws to cut stacks of woodland cloth for the BDU trouser.

came from sunny Miami."

Recently, Pastrana led a group of USSOUTHCOM visitors on a tour of the fa-

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cility. Pointing out the materials and workers, Pastrana emphasized that the workers at the plant were learning valuable skills in the process of working and training with Goodwill Industries. The manufacturing division employs more than 485 people representing 49 nationalities, and over 92% of these folks are severely disabled.

"We are so proud to make them (uniform items) and especially proud that they are made by people with disabilities." Said Pastrana.

So, the next time you reach down to make sure your pants are bloused correctly and squared away, remember: although it may take a little effort on your part to ensure they're looking good, it took a great deal of effort to put them together.



A worker inspects a burial flag before putting the finishing touches on it and preparing it for delivery.

Peacekeeping exercise kicks off in Chile

By Sgt. Jennifer Sieg Cabanas 02 Joint Information Bureau

FORTE LAUTARO, CHILE, OCT. 16 — Exercise Cabañas 2002 got off to a rousing start Oct. 16 following an opening ceremony that included formations from the 10 participating nations.

Designed to help promote world peace, Cabañas 2002 is a multinational peacekeeping exercise. The exercise provides military forces of participating nations the opportunity to refine their peacekeeping skills in a joint scenario.

The ceremony kicked off the training activities, uniting the participants into a single peacekeeping team. More than 1,300 participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, the United States and Uruguay will be participating in Cabañas 2002 through Oct. 29.

As the national anthems echoed off the surrounding mountains and each country was called to attention, a union of friendship was made, as expressed by Brig. Gen. Remo Butler, com-

mander of U.S. Special Operations South, in his comments to the troops.

"It is a great privilege for the opportunity to speak to these excellent soldiers as well as our distinguished guests," he said. "We are all guests in this great country, but you have made us feel like part of the family."

The united efforts of the multinational exercise is an integral part of Cabañas '02, according to Lt. Gen. Juan Carlos Salgado Brocal, Chilean general director of Cabañas 2002.

"There is the need to share information and training and for more world cooperation," he told attendees. "We have worked hard to create the best conditions possible so that these three weeks are extremely beneficial to the

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Peruvian soldiers stand at attention during opening ceremonies of Cabanas 2002.



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mutual interaction between our soldiers, as well as their training."

U.S. and Chilean leaders stressed the importance of the mission undertaken by soldiers who support the United Nations and who guard our hemisphere.

"Our mission is to protect and serve our countries," said Butler. "We may be North Americans and South Americans, but we are all Americans."

Cabañas 2002 is sponsored by the U.S. Southern Command, headquartered in Miami, and supported by U.S. Special Operations Command South, based in Puerto Rico. This year's exercise will include approximately 300 U.S. airmen, sailors, and soldiers to support and participate in personnel from other re-



Photo by PH2 Roberto Taylor

Brig. Gen. Remo Butler, Commander, Special Operations Command South, Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, P.R., and a Chilean Army Colonel shake hands during the General's arrival to Fuerte Lautaro.

the exercise and about 1,000 military and civilian

gional countries.

During the exercise, military personnel will

work on tactical troop movements, installation security, identification and

marking of mines, civilmilitary operations, and security and police operations. Human rights training is also incorporated into all aspects of training.

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"Cooperation in security issues demands that armed forces be trained," said Salgado Brocal. "This not only consists of standardizing procedures, but applies to common training and tactics that require a mutual knowledge and the development of intellectual understanding which give sense and direction to our efforts."

All of the nations participating in Cabañas 2002 were involved in the planning of the exercise.

In the spirit of bonding the friendships made during the exercise, a day has been set aside for all participants to share their respective cultures.



A first for SOUTHCOM

Army MAJ Clifford Scott, right, of J2, and the former Adriana Bejarano, smile after being joined in matrimony in an outdoor ceremony held before a group of SOUTHCOM well-wishers Oct. 18. The service was officiated by Jimmy Ramos, also of J2, who is a certified justice of the peace.

Although no one is absolutely certain whether this was the first wedding held at the headquarters, judging from the turnout, it likely won't be the last.

USAG-Miami and USCG MWR-- A Perfect Marriage

By USAG-Miami

A recent partnership with US ARMY GARRI-SON-MIAMI MWR and the US Coast Guard Regional MWR, (which handles the entire USCG 7th District and Maintenance and Logistics Command Units), resulted in a fun-filled evening at the Coast Guard's 'Gator Den' on Miami Beach, Florida.

About 100 military family members enjoyed the Sleuth Murder Mystery Theatre production of "Kim and Scott Tie the Knot," an audience-participation din-

ner theatre performance. The troupe regularly performs in Orlando, Florida.

US Southern Command does not have MWR facilities on the installation, but the Coast Guard, only about a half-hour driving distance, has facilities at the Integrated Support Command (ISC) on Miami Beach. The partnership was a very successful team effort. Costs were shared, and tickets were sold at both sites.

US Army Garrison MWR hopes to plan other joint events with the Coast Guard in the future.



Cast members of "Kim and Scott Tie the Knot" during a recent performance.

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DoD, USSOUTHCOM kick off CFC Campaign

From local and wire sources

Washington, D.C. — Wilhelmina J. Rolark inspired the gathering at DoD's kickoff for this year's Combined Federal Campaign as she enthusiastically had the audience chanting, "If it's to be, it's up to me. ... If it's to be, it's up to me."

"We're going to have the greatest CFC campaign — ever!" exclaimed Rolark, president of the United Black Fund, in the deputy secretary of defense conference room at the Pentagon.

The needs have doubled or tripled since Sept. 11, Rolark noted. "That's an inspiration to make this the greatest campaign ever," she said.

USSOUTHCOM kicked off its own CFC Oct. 1 with a concert presented by children from Jackson Dade Daycare. Their program brought the music of youthful voices to the command.

This year's campaign runs through Dec. 15. The CFC is the annual fall fund-raising drive conducted by federal employees. Each year, federal civilian and military personnel contribute millions of dollars to the CFC to benefit thousands of nonprofit charities.



Photo by MSgt. Jose Ruiz

From left are, Douglas Jerry (looking back), Karen McClain, Yolanda Sejour, Gregory Gibson and Shawntavia Milbry. Behind them is Ms. Gail Jones. The kids were singing for attendees of the USSOUTHCOM Combined Federal Campaign kick-off brunch Oct. 1 at the main lobby of the Thurman Building.

Navy birthday

USSOUTHCOM's youngest sailor IS3 Ian Simon, left, shares cake cutting duties with USSOUTHCOM's oldest sailor **Command Chaplain CAPT Paul** McLaughlin while ceremoniously cutting the cake during the Navy's 227th birthday celebration held Oct. 10 at the **Thurman Building Main Confer**ence Room. The celebration commemorated the Navy's contributions to the defense of the nation from its earliest days and included a history presentation and a stirring video program.



Photo by TSgt. Ray Sarracino

USSOUTHCOM fields tournament team

Four USSOUTHCOM members converged in the pouring rain on the Raintree Golf Resort in Pembroke Pines to participate in the South Florida Federal Executive Board Golf Outing, Sept. 27.



Photos by TSgt Ray Sarracino

Members of Army Garrison (from left) Carlos Bersano, Mike Norman, Juan Maldonado, and Bob Rogers represented USSOUTHCOM in the tournament.



News Briefs

DeCa case lot sale

Nov. 14-16, 0900-1800 (Sat. 0900-1700) USSOUTHCOM parking lot. For more info. call Mr. Flores, ext. 2699

Command picnic

USSOUTHCOM's Fall Picnic will be held Nov. 23 at Miami MetroZoo. Starts at 1000, lunch between 11-2. Free to SOUTHCOM personnel and immediate family members.

Attraction tickets

- Miami Seaquarium adults \$18.00/children \$14.00.
- Museum of Science and Planetarium - all tickets are \$3.00 and military personnel free until Dec. 31

Commanders Classic Golf Tournament

Sign up TODAY for the Commander's Classic, 8 Nov. at the Miami Shores Country Club!

- 0730 Registration
- 0830 a.m. Shotgun start.

Sign up by Directorate (individual or by team).

Ticket prices:

E-4 and below (or equivalent) GS-4 and below - \$20

E-5 - E-7/GS 5-7 - \$25 E-8 and above/ GS-9-11 - \$30

 $0\mbox{-}3$ and below - \$30

0-4-06/GS-12-15 - \$35

0-7 and above/SES/ Contractors - \$40 Purchase tickets at ITR, Room #1303-A, HQ, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fee includes buffet lunch.

For more information contact Mike Norman, ext. 2631.

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Battleship Missouri needs your help!

Worldwide CPOs are coming together to help in the renovation and restoration of the Battleship Missouri Chief Petty Officer spaces. The ultimate goal is renovation of the entire ship. For more information, please visit the Navy Chiefs, Goat Locker Web-Site to see the goal of this project: http://goatlocker.exis.net/missouri.htm



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Hot Jazz & Alligator Gumbo Society

Dixieland and traditional Jazz Jam Session

-Sun., Oct. 27, 1-4:30 p.m., Pompano Beach Elks Club Ballroom, 700 NE 10th St (south side of Pompano Airport). Ticket prices are: Members - \$5, Non-members \$8, Military and students FREE. For more information, call 305-221-5109.

New barber

There is a new barber at the Command Barbershop.

Her name is Michele and she specializes in men's, women's, and "fades" hairstyles.

Barbershop hours are 0800-1700.

For more information call: 305 437-1128.

NEW Information Technology Officer (ITO) designation

There is a new HQ SOUTHCOM Information Management (IM) Plan.

The IM Plan will take a twopronged approach:

- 1) Top down Guidance the development of an Information Management IM CONOPS
- 2) Bottom up development start by cleaning up the shared drives and then move on to organizing web pages

To make this happen, individuals in each Directorate have been appointed as Information Management Officers (IMOs).

-All current IMOs, will be re-designated as Information Technology Officers (ITOs)

-Individuals appointed to work on the SOUTHCOM IM Plan will be called Information Management Officers, (IMOs)

-All policies and guidance will be changed to reflect these changes.

New USAF nametag



The Air Force's service dress uniform welcomed back an old friend Oct. 1: the nametag.

The new service dress nametag has a brushed satin finish and blue letters. It is slightly larger and heavier than the blue plastic nametag worn on the blue shirt and medical white uniform. It will only feature the wearer's last name and will only be worn on the service dress, on the right side parallel to the ribbons and medals.

The new nametags will be available in AAFES military clothing sales stores when stocks become available. An official mandatory wear date will not be established until Air Force officials can assess approximately how long it will take to outfit all airmen.

Enlisted call

Command Sergeant Major
Micheal Etheridge addresses
USSOUTHCOM enlisted
personnel during his first allenlisted call as Command
Sgt. Maj. held Oct. 3 in the
USSOUTHCOM Headquarters
Main Conference Room.

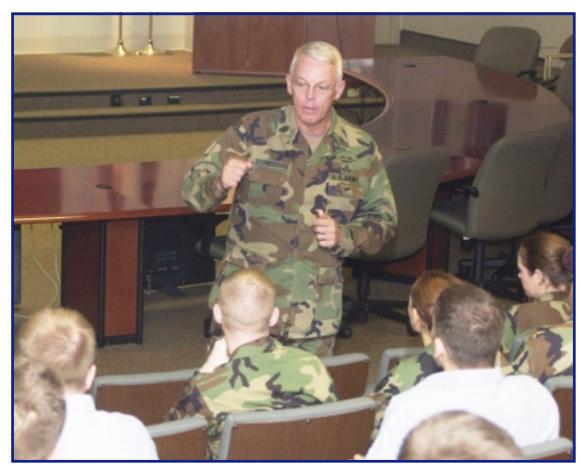


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Questions about USSOUTHCOM's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) program?

For information on filing, resolving, or avoiding a complaint of discrimination, USSOUTHCOM civilian employees, their colleagues and supervisors should contact your EEO office:

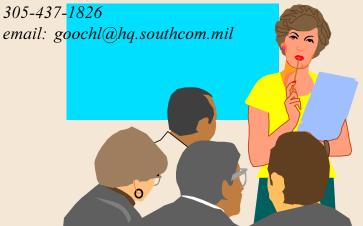
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Career highlights: Working on

my education

IS3 AMANDA WALTER



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Organization: U.S. Southern

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swimming

Favorite duty station: This is

my first duty station, so

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Career highlights: None yet.



special award

USSOUTHCOM Commander **GEN James Hill,** presents the **Defense** Distinguished Service Medal to Maj. Gen. Gary Speer, former Deputy Commander of USSOUTHCOM, during a Oct. 7 ceremony held in the Headquarters Main Conference Room.



Photo by Sgt Lucy Pabon

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